

RES 17-057

Wilmington, Delaware
September 21, 2017

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Sponsors:

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WHEREAS, the late Mr. Joe Brumskill was a pillar for service within the City of Wilmington and especially in his home Harlan Park community within the First District. The Wilmington City Council wishes to pay tribute to Mr. Brumskill for his tireless contributions to improve the quality of life for all Wilmingtonians, especially underserved youth; and

WHEREAS, the Brumskill family was among the first African Americans to integrate the Harlan Park community when they moved into their home on Monroe Street. Joe had a long history of civic and educational community service. He served on the Cab Calloway School of the Arts Advisory Board. Under the former Wilmington School District, he served as the President of the Harlan Elementary School Home and School Association and as President of the Wilmington Home and School Community Council. He was also a member of the 1978 Governor's School Desegregation Committee. Mr. Brumskill also helped to bring the Children's Defense Fund-Freedom School to Wilmington. He loved to bring people together for the common good, and for years he brought mentors and the arts into the P.S. DuPont School and Harlan Elementary Schools; and

WHEREAS, he was very active in the Harlan Park Civic Association where he served many years as the organization's President; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brumskill served on the Brandywine School Board and worked closely with the community when the State Department of Education changed the feeder patterns. He was also a very strong advocate for the creation of the Brandywine School District Early Childhood Assistance Program and its relocation to the P.S. DuPont Middle School. Mr.

Brumskill served as a community liaison on the parent and community advisory committee for the Brandywine School District Early Childhood Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Harlan Park community supports the recommendation to honor Mr. Joe Brumskill by renaming the Brandywine School District Early Childhood Assistance Program to the Joe Brumskill Early Childhood Assistance Program. This dedication is a true tribute to a legacy of service to ensure that everyone received a quality education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that this Council supports the First District community and the Brandywine School District in its efforts to rename the Brandywine School District Early Childhood Assistance Program to the Joe Brumskill Early Childhood Assistance Program.

Passed by City Council,
September 21, 2017

Attest: Maribel Sijs
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 15th
day of September, 2017.

Elizabeth D. Power
Senior Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution supports the First District community and the Brandywine School District in efforts to rename the Brandywine School District Early Childhood Assistance Program to the Joe Brumskill Early Childhood Assistance Program, in recognition of the late Mr. Brumskill's contributions to education and to the City of Wilmington.